

**MINUTES OF THE  
BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007**

At a **Special Meeting** of the **Budget Committee**, held Tuesday, November 13, 2007, in the Board Room, on the 9<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Administration Building, Mount Clemens, the following members were present:

Brown-Chair, Brdak, Bruley, Camphous-Peterson, Crouchman, DeSaele, DiMaria, Doherty, Drolet, Duzyj, D. Flynn, J. Flynn, Gielegghem, Lund, Mijac, Rengert, Roberts, Rocca, Sauger, Slinde, Switalski, Szczepanski, Tocco and Vosburg.

Absent and excused were Haggerty and Torrice.

There being a quorum of the committee present, Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 10:52 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**AGENDA**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Szczepanski, supported by Duzyj, to adopt the agenda, as presented. **The Motion Carried.**

**ADOPT THE 2008 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$473,750,340**

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MIJAC, SUPPORTED BY JOAN FLYNN, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE 2008 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$473,750,340.

Several commissioners expressed concern that they could not support this motion, because it does not reflect a balanced budget.

During discussion, Mr. Diegel noted that the schedule currently calls for a Public Hearing on December 11<sup>th</sup> and adoption by the Full Board of Commissioners on December 13<sup>th</sup>; assuming commissioners recommend it out today.

A discussion ensued about the process that was created at the special meeting of the Budget Committee on October 31, 2007.

### **AMENDMENT**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DROLET, SUPPORTED BY LUND, TO ADOPT THE 2008 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$457,750,340.

Commissioners asked for clarification of the motion; recalling Mr. Diegel projected a \$12 million deficit.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel.

A **friendly amendment** by Commissioner Switalski was accepted as follows: "TO ADOPT THE 2008 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$461,750,340, WHICH REPRESENTS A \$12 MILLION REDUCTION FROM THE ORIGINAL \$473,750,340."

A **friendly amendment** by Commissioner Vosburg was accepted as follows: "TO ADOPT THE 2008 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$461,712,941, WHICH REPRESENTS A \$12,037,399 REDUCTION FROM THE ORIGINAL \$473,750,340."

A discussion ensued with Mr. Diegel.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE **AMENDMENT** AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE BROWN, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DeSAELE, DiMARIA, DOHERTY, DROLET, DUZYJ, JOAN FLYNN, LUND, RENGERT, ROCCA, SAUGER, SLINDE, SWITALSKI, SZCZEPANSKI, TOCCO AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 18 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BRDAK, BRULEY, DAVID FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, MIJAC AND ROBERTS. THERE WERE 6 "NO" VOTES.

### **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE **MAIN MOTION, AS AMENDED**, AS FOLLOWS:

VOTING YES WERE BROWN, CAMPHOUS-PETERSON, CROUCHMAN, DeSAELE, DiMARIA, DOHERTY, DROLET, DUZYJ, JOAN FLYNN, LUND, RENGERT, ROCCA, SAUGER, SLINDE, SWITALSKI, SZCZEPANSKI, TOCCO AND VOSBURG. THERE WERE 18 "YES" VOTES.

VOTING NO WERE BRDAK, BRULEY, DAVID FLYNN, GIELEGHEM, MIJAC AND ROBERTS. THERE WERE 6 "NO" VOTES.

### **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

The motion now reads as follows:

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – MOTION**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY DROLET, SUPPORTED BY LUND, TO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPT THE 2008 RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$461,712,941, WHICH REPRESENTS A \$12,037,399 REDUCTION FROM THE ORIGINAL \$473,750,340. **THE MOTION CARRIED.** (FORWARDED TO THE DECEMBER 13, 2007 FULL BOARD)

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION**

A motion was made by Duzyj, supported by Camphous-Peterson, to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. **The Motion Carried.**

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Denise M. Jacks  
Committee Reporter